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SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOC RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN
OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL IN TRANSPORT SECTOR

REF: STATE 257970

1. TEXT, IN THIRD PERSON NOTE FORM, DELIVERED
BY TCO TO JOHN SHARPE (DIRECTOR, USA DIV., EXTAFF)
OCTOBER 21. SHARPE WAS NOT PERSONALLY AWARE OF THE
NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY (NTP) DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY IN GOC, BUT REACTED POSITIVELY
TO OUR REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION. PROMISED TO CIRCULATE
THE NOTE PROMPTLY TO OTHER AGENCIES, BUT COULD NOT FORECAST
WHEN REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

2. SHARPE NOTED THE EMPHASIS IN THE NOTE ON INVESTMENT
MATTERS AND RELATED THIS QUERY TO HIS DISCUSSION PREVIOUS
DAY WITH BLAKEMORE TEAM IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN INVESTMENT CONSULATIONS. HE SAID IT WAS IRONIC GIVEN
THE MAJOR INVESTMENTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE
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ECONOMIES OF THE OTHER THAT THERE WAS NO BILATERAL

MECHANISM FOR REGULAR DISCUSSION OF INVESTMENT MATTERS. TCO INFERRED SHARPE WAS THINKING THAT THIS TRANSPORT QUESTION MIGHT BE AMONG ISSUES REFERRED TO SUCH A MECHANISM IF IT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

3. IN ORAL PRESENTATION TCO MADE ANALOGY TO TV QUESTION AND BROADCASTING ACT, AND PER O' CONNOR-BLAKEMORE CONVERSATION EARLIER THAT DAY CALLED ATTENTION TO WIDE RANGE OF OTHER POLICY LANGUAGE IN NTP PAPERS, WHICH WE HAD NOT SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL COMMENT, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ALL OF THE MATTERS DISCUSSED THEREIN WOULD ALSO BE LOOKED AT IN TERMS OF IMPACT UPON U.S. INVESTMENT INTERESTS. IN ADDITION, TCO ADVISED SHARPE THAT THE INITIAL NTP HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN MOT AND DOT IN JULY 1975, BUT THAT THIS SESSION WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO COMPARATIVE TRANSPORT PLANNING AND DID NOT TAKE UP OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL IN THE TRANSPORT INDUSTRY OR OTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT QUESTIONS.

4. IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH PAUL LABERGE (DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY DIV., EXTAFF) TCO ADVISED HIM OF OUR NOTE, SUMMARIZED OUR INFORMATION RE U.S. INVESTMENT IN CANADIAN TRANSPORT AND FOUND HIM EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN QUESTION. LABERGE PROMISED THAT HIS DIVISION WOULD ALSO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE REPLY.
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